

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claim 1. (currently amended) Coupling sleeve connecting a threaded a rock bolt (1) to an impact rock drilling machine (2), said coupling sleeve comprising a first part (3) provided with an internal thread (4) for connection of the rock bolt (1), and a second part (5) provided with an internal thread (6) for connection of the rock drilling machine (2), characterized in that the second part (5) comprises a locking device (7) arranged substantially transversely to a longitudinal axis (9) of the coupling sleeve, said locking device cooperating with a region (8) on the rock drilling machine (2) for preventing separation of the coupling sleeve and the rock drilling machine (2), wherein percussion energy is transmitted from the rock drilling machine to the rock bolt during a percussion operation when the locking device is unloaded, and said locking device is loaded to retain ~~retains~~ the rock drilling machine connected to the coupling sleeve only when said rock bolt is disconnected from said coupling sleeve by rotation of said rock drilling machine in a direction for disconnecting said first part of said coupling sleeve from said rock bolt for reinforcing a rock with said rock bolt.

Claim 2. (new) The coupling sleeve as claimed in claim 1, wherein said locking device comprises at least one locking pin for engaging said drilling machine through at least one opening in said coupling sleeve.